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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Michigan Liquor Control Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. in the Jacquelyn A. Stewart Hearing Room, Constitution Hall, 525 W. Allegan, Lansing, Michigan. The hearing will be held to receive public comments on the proposed changes to the Liquor Control Commission's Beer Rules and Wine Rules.

The purpose of the Beer and Wine rules is to provide business regulations applicable to all persons applying to the Liquor Control Commission for a wholesale, outstate seller, or manufacturer license that wants to produce, import, sell and deliver beer and wine in Michigan. The primary changes to these rules resulted from the enactment of 2014 PA 48 and 2014 PA 49, which shifted the collection of the excise tax on beer and wine from the outstate seller to the wholesalers. The proposed rules also include clarification of definitions; reporting requirements to verify the remittance of beer, wine, and mixed spirit drink excise taxes for wholesalers, brewers, wine makers, and outstates sellers of beer, wine, and mixed spirit drink; and removal of all obsolete language.

These rules are being revised under the authority conferred on the Michigan Liquor Control Commission by sections 215(1), 301(9), and 409(3) of Act No. 58 of the Public Acts of 1998, as amended. The rule revisions will take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

The Beer and Wine rule changes are published on the Michigan government web site under the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, ORR No. 2015-009 LR (Beer rules) at http://w3.lara.state.mi.us/orr/Files/ORR/1506_2015-009LR_orr-draft.pdf and ORR No. 2015-010 LR (Wine rules) at http://w3.lara.state.mi.us/orr/Files/ORR/1507_2015-010LR_orr-draft.pdf. The amendments to the Beer and Wine rules will be published in the April 1, 2016 *Michigan Register*. A copy of the amended rules may be obtained at the Liquor Control Commission's Lansing Office during regular business hours. A copy may also be obtained by contacting the Liquor Control Commission's Lansing Office, by mail at 525 W. Allegan, PO Box 30005, Lansing, MI 48909, Attn. Anita Fawcett; by telephone at 517-284-6310; by fax at 517-763-0057; and by email at fawcetta@michigan.gov.

All interested persons are invited to attend the hearing to present data and views orally or in writing. Anyone unable to attend may submit comments in writing to Anita Fawcett at the above address. Written comments must be received by 5 p.m. on April 12, 2016. If your presentation at the public hearing is in written form, please provide a copy to the court reporter at the conclusion of your testimony at the hearing.

The hearing site is accessible, including handicapped parking. Individuals attending the meeting are requested to refrain from using heavily scented personal care products in order to enhance accessibility for everyone. Persons needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact Anita Fawcett at 517-284-6310 at least 14 days prior to the hearing.